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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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SUMMARY: New Hampshire had the lowest unemployment rate in the country by state with 4.1 percent unemployed in August 1983 when there were 21,090 workers unemployed; a year ago the rate was 6.7 percent when 33,480 were unemployed. The August 1983 total represents an unemployment decrease of 7,680 from July. Many workers unemployed in July due to unpaid vacations returned to work by mid-August. The lowest rate was in the Laconia Labor Market Area with 3.2 percent and the highest rate was in the Salem Labor Market Area with 6.3 percent.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment numbered 406,300 in August 1983. In addition there were 2,900 workers involved in a labor dispute. Manufacturing employment numbered 113,450 which represented a gain of 2,900 from the previous month and 1,550 from a year ago. Nearly all manufacturing industries showed gains from the previous month. The largest increase was in the leather and leather products industry with 650. The month of August usually represents the peak month for employment. Each year tourist activity reaches its peak at that time.

Excellent weather conditions helped the employment in trade and services as well as in construction this year.

NEW REPORTS AVAILABLE: "Annual Planning Information for New Hampshire Fiscal Year 1984" showing various socio-economic data by county.

"New Hampshire Occupational Outlook 1981 to 1991" showing occupational projections with current employment and projected employment as well as average annual job openings for each occupation.

If you are interested in either of these reports, write:

Economic Analysis and Reports
N.H. Dept. of Employment Security
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New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural
Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester Labor Market Area					Nashua Labor Market Area				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change		Number of Workers			Numerical Change		Number of Workers			Numerical Change	
	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982	From Previous Month	From Previous Year	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982	From Previous Month	From Previous Year	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982	From Previous Month	From Previous Year
1. Civilian labor force*	510,090	512,150	497,700	-2,060	12,390	88,670	89,550	84,680	-880	3,990	89,940	89,620	84,750	320	5,190
2. Unemployment	21,090	28,770	33,480	-7,680	-12,390	3,740	5,490	5,820	-1,750	-2,080	3,180	4,010	5,320	-830	-2,140
Percent of labor force	4.1	5.6	6.7	xxx	xxx	4.2	6.1	6.9	xxx	xxx	4.5	3.5	6.3	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	489,000	483,380	464,220	5,620	24,780	84,930	84,060	78,860	870	6,070	86,760	85,610	79,430	1,150	7,330
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	2,900	0	0	2,900	2,900	1,300	0	0	1,300	1,300	300	0	0	300	300
Nonagri. wage & salary**	406,300	405,250	406,050	1,050	250	76,100	76,550	75,300	-450	800	71,150	70,750	68,550	400	2,600
Manufacturing	113,450	110,550	111,900	2,900	1,550	17,100	16,500	16,750	600	350	33,900	33,300	31,850	600	2,050
Durable goods	73,450	72,300	71,950	1,150	1,500	9,350	9,350	9,150	0	200	27,300	26,850	25,250	450	2,050
Lumber & wood prods.	4,600	4,400	4,600	200	0										
Furniture & fixtures	1,450	1,450	1,300	0	150										
Stone & clay prods.	2,700	2,600	2,750	100	-50										
Primary metal prods.	*3,850	3,750	3,400	100	450										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,950	6,750	7,100	200	-150										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	21,800	21,650	22,900	150	-1,100	5,850	5,850	5,850	0	0	19,700	19,400	18,000	300	1,700
Electrical prods.	22,050	21,800	19,750	250	2,300										
Miscellaneous prods.	1,900	1,850	1,800	50	100										
Other durables	8,150	8,050	8,350	100	-200	3,500	3,500	3,300	0	200	7,600	7,450	7,250	150	350
Nondurable goods	40,000	38,250	39,950	1,750	50	7,750	7,150	7,600	600	150	6,600	6,450	6,600	150	0
Food & kindred prods.	2,800	2,700	2,600	100	200										
Textile mill prods.	4,050	3,800	3,650	250	400	2,000	1,850	1,950	150	50					
Apparel	2,750	2,600	2,800	150	-50										
Paper & allied prods.	5,200	5,200	5,550	0	-350										
Print., pub. & allied	6,250	6,200	6,600	50	-350										
Leather & lea. prods.	8,850	8,200	9,050	650	-200										
Other nondurables	10,100	9,550	9,700	550	400	5,750	5,300	5,650	450	100					
Nonmanufacturing	292,850	294,700	294,150	-1,850	-1,300	59,000	60,050	58,550	-1,050	450	37,250	37,450	36,700	-200	550
Construction (inc. min.)	26,050	25,700	25,200	350	850	3,250	3,200	3,400	50	-150	3,250	3,250	3,150	0	100
Trans., comm. & util.	*11,800	14,600	14,400	-2,800	-2,600	*4,000	5,250	5,000	-1,250	-1,000	*1,750	2,050	2,000	-300	-250
Trade	92,150	91,800	91,700	350	450	20,300	20,200	19,700	100	600	13,850	13,800	13,250	50	600
Fin., ins. & real estate	21,200	21,200	21,150	0	50	6,450	6,400	6,350	50	100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0
Service industry & other	84,900	84,350	84,650	550	250	16,700	16,650	15,850	50	850	11,250	11,150	11,150	100	100
Government	56,750	57,050	57,050	-300	-300	8,300	8,350	8,250	-50	50	5,050	5,100	5,050	-50	0
Federal	11,600	11,600	11,800	0	-200	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0	750	750	850	0	-100
State	14,650	14,750	14,500	-100	150	900	900	850	0	50	300	300	250	0	50
Local	30,500	30,700	30,750	-200	-250	5,300	5,350	5,300	-50	0	4,000	4,050	3,950	-50	50

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
Benchmark March 1980
* August 1983-Industry 48-2,600 workers on strike not included
* August 1983-Industry 33-300 workers on strike not included

Labor Disputes: *1,300 *300

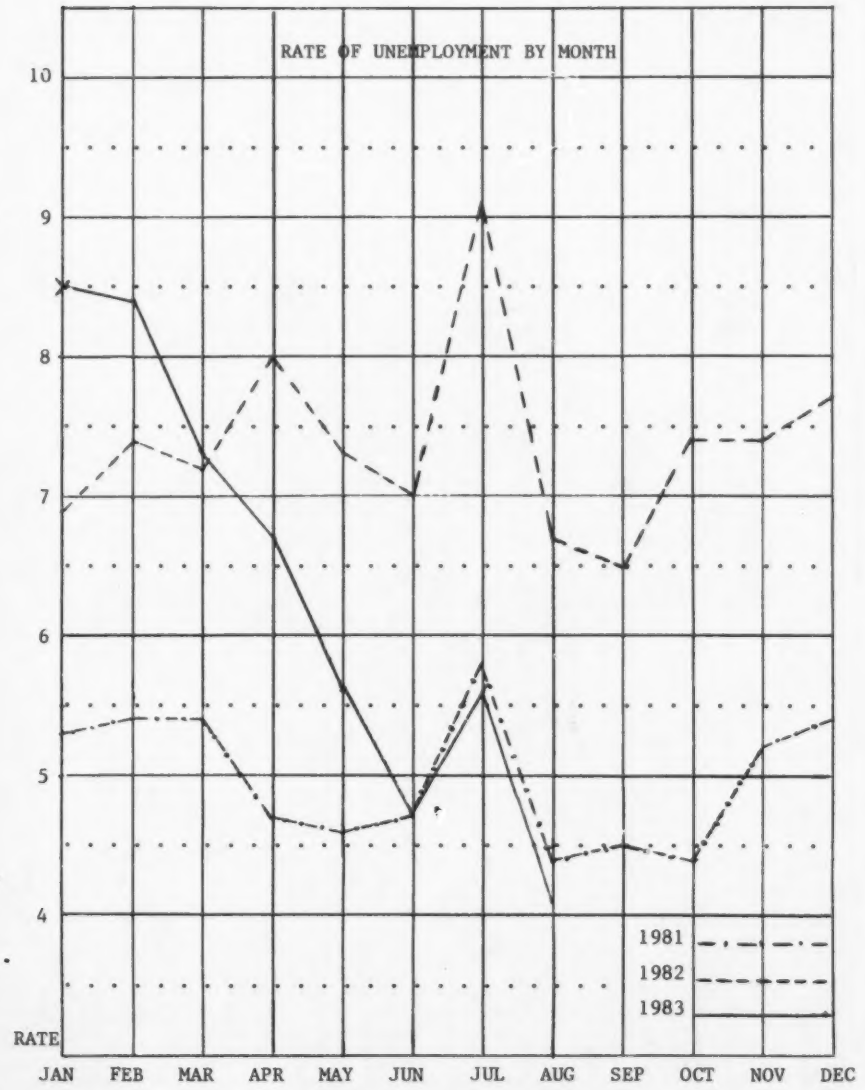
Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	August 1983 Number	August 1983 Percent	July 1983 Number	July 1983 Percent	August 1982 Number	August 1982 Percent	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Numerical Change From Previous Year	August 1983	July 1983	August 1982	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Numerical Change From Previous Year
United States**	10,411	9.2	10,707	9.4	10,710	9.6	-296	-299	113,578	113,980	111,887	-402	1,691
New Hampshire	21,090	4.1	28,770	5.6	33,480	6.7	-7,680	-12,390	510,090	512,150	497,700	-2,060	12,390
Labor Market Area													
Berlin	1,070	5.2	1,310	6.5	1,940	9.5	-240	-870	20,390	20,060	20,470	330	-80
Claremont	1,490	4.0	1,970	5.3	2,750	7.4	-480	-1,260	37,270	37,270	37,330	0	-60
Concord	1,510	3.4	2,040	4.6	2,320	5.3	-530	-810	44,260	44,690	43,800	-430	460
Dover	2,490	5.7	3,780	8.7	3,080	7.2	-1,290	-590	43,780	43,330	42,660	450	1,120
Keene	1,650	4.4	2,090	5.6	2,900	7.7	-440	-1,250	37,320	37,260	37,570	60	-250
Laconia	1,520	3.2	2,210	4.7	3,070	6.5	-690	-1,550	47,520	47,290	47,220	230	300
Littleton	700	4.6	1,020	6.6	1,040	7.0	-320	-340	15,080	15,340	14,920	-260	160
Manchester	3,740	4.2	5,490	6.1	5,820	6.9	-1,750	-2,080	88,670	89,550	84,680	-880	3,990
Nashua	3,180	3.5	4,010	4.5	5,320	6.3	-830	-2,140	89,940	89,620	84,750	320	5,190
Portsmouth	2,100	3.5	2,920	4.8	2,820	4.9	-820	-720	59,660	60,500	57,510	-840	2,150
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA***	1,640	6.3	1,930	7.1	2,420	9.0	-290	-780	26,200	27,240	26,790	-1,040	-590
County													
Belknap	880	3.6	1,260	5.2	1,600	6.7	-380	-720	24,150	24,070	23,930	80	220
Carroll	440	3.0	660	4.6	910	6.3	-220	-470	14,430	14,290	14,340	140	90
Cheshire	1,550	4.6	1,980	5.9	2,730	8.1	-430	-1,180	33,490	33,480	33,780	10	-290
Coos	1,050	5.8	1,310	7.4	1,600	9.0	-260	-550	17,960	17,820	17,840	140	120
Grafton	1,150	3.2	1,580	4.5	2,030	5.8	-430	-880	35,410	35,410	35,060	0	350
Hillsborough	6,010	3.8	8,370	5.2	9,860	6.5	-2,360	-3,850	159,140	159,680	151,240	-540	7,900
Merrimack	1,780	3.4	2,360	4.5	2,880	5.6	-580	-1,100	51,650	51,920	51,040	-270	610
Rockingham	4,960	4.3	6,530	5.6	7,040	6.3	-1,570	-2,080	115,100	117,070	112,310	-1,970	2,790
Strafford	2,240	5.7	3,310	8.5	2,780	7.3	-1,070	-540	39,330	38,840	38,330	490	1,000
Sullivan	1,030	5.3	1,410	7.2	2,050	10.3	-380	-1,020	19,430	19,570	19,830	-140	-400

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.



AREA DEFINITIONS

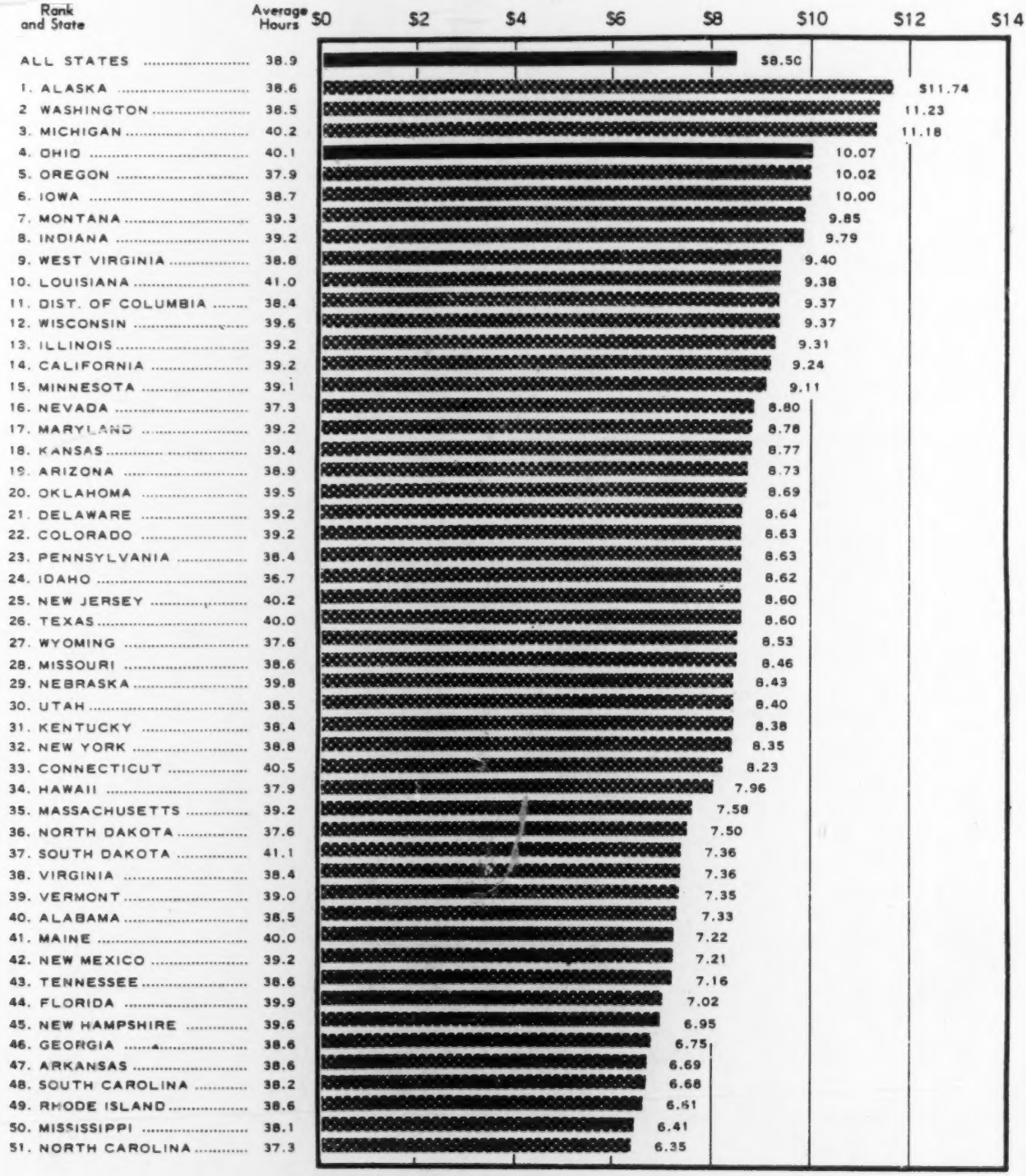
Manchester Labor Market Area includes the city of Manchester and towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Raymond and Weare.

Nashua Labor Market Area is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Lyndeboro, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, New Ipswich, Pelham, Temple and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1983	1982	1981	1980
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - August	229.5			
Percent change from year ago	2.4			
Year average		288.6	272.3	247.0
Percent increase each year		6.0	10.2	13.5
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - August	300.3			
Percent change from year ago	2.6			
Year average		289.1	272.4	246.8
Percent increase each year		6.1	10.4	13.5

GROSS AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, BY STATE, 1982[a]



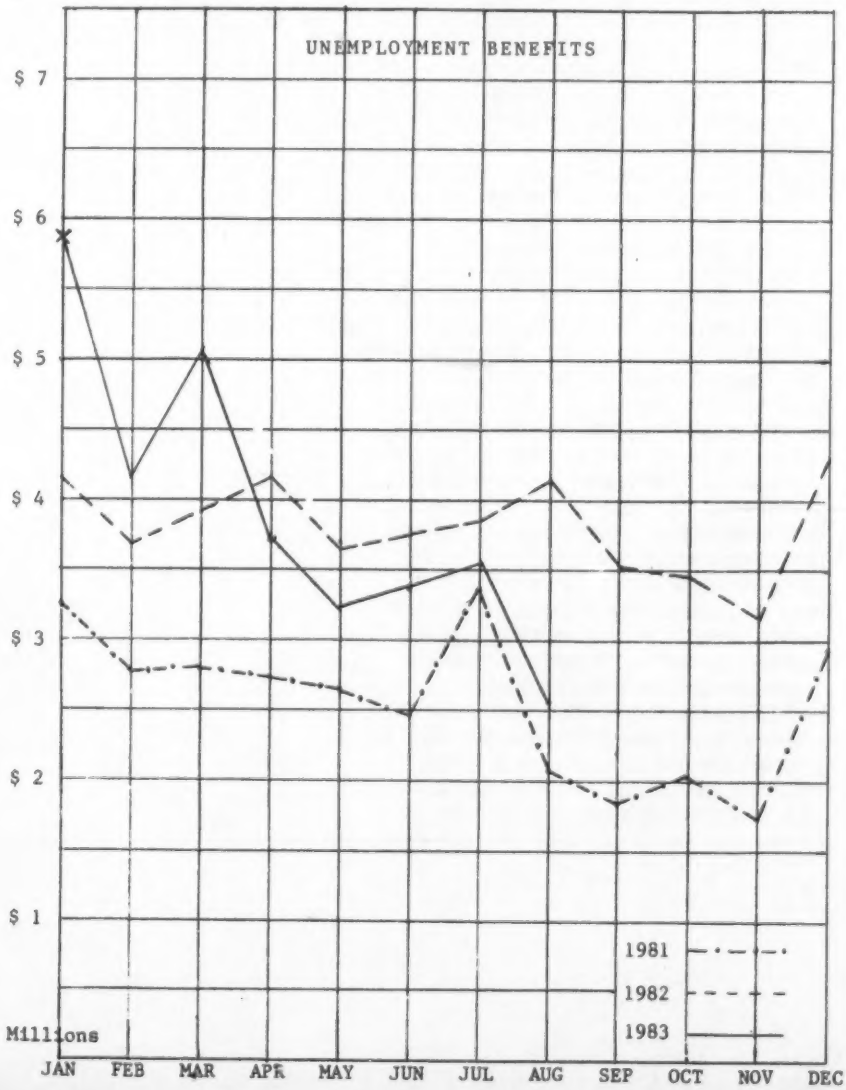
[a]Data for other states from Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on tabulations of cooperating state agencies.

Division of Research and Statistics
Ohio Bureau of Employment Services
Columbus 8-19-83 No. C-571

Weekly Claims Filed During August 1983
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	3,994	29,457	18	126	9	36	66	173	28	158
Berlin	218	1,431	2	4	0	3	2	9	2	2
Claremont	206	2,295	1	18	0	6	3	14	0	4
Concord	382	2,576	2	23	1	0	3	8	3	1
Dover	567	4,122	7	31	3	9	12	29	8	57
Keene	357	2,413	1	21	2	16	3	4	0	2
Laconia	223	1,547	1	19	1	1	3	16	0	3
Littleton	184	671	1	6	0	1	1	5	0	0
Manchester	705	4,212	0	2	0	0	14	25	3	25
Nashua	348	2,853	0	0	0	0	6	11	0	3
Portsmouth	344	3,413	3	2	1	0	11	34	7	23
Salem	154	1,287	0	0	0	0	7	9	3	2
Liable State	306	2,637	0	0	1	0	1	9	2	36

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $100.95



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End Of Month

$72,397,916.98 August

Net contributions received during month: August

$6,066,011.60

Net benefits paid during month: August

$2,696,809.87

Interest Received:

$1,771,658.63 August

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	1983 August	1983 July	1982 August	1983 August	1983 July	1982 August	1983 August	1983 July	1982 August
All manufacturing	$304.91	$304.09	$275.62	40.6	40.6	39.6	$7.51	$7.49	$6.96
Durable goods	314.61	314.16	284.07	40.7	40.8	39.4	7.73	7.70	7.21
Lumber & wood prods.	225.72	227.57	216.58	38.0	38.9	38.4	5.94	5.85	5.64
Furniture & fixtures	270.75	240.98	256.94	39.7	35.7	40.4	6.82	6.75	6.36
Stone & clay prods.	314.50	322.37	251.94	43.2	43.8	38.7	7.28	7.36	6.51
Primary metal prods.	335.28	342.55	324.24	44.0	44.2	42.0	7.62	7.75	7.72
Fab. metal prods.	301.84	308.10	284.01	40.9	41.3	40.4	7.38	7.46	7.03
Mach. (exc. elec.)	346.48	346.15	313.75	42.1	43.0	40.8	8.23	8.05	7.69
Electrical prods.	321.19	313.99	279.21	39.8	39.2	38.3	8.07	8.01	7.29
Miscellaneous prods.	242.13	233.05	216.21	40.9	39.5	38.2	5.92	5.90	5.66
Other durables	322.74	321.47	291.08	39.6	39.3	38.3	8.15	8.18	7.60
Nondurable goods	289.98	286.63	262.54	40.5	40.2	39.9	7.16	7.13	6.58
Food & kindred prods.	418.03	423.10	413.76	42.7	45.3	43.6	9.79	9.34	9.49
Textile mill prods.	261.45	262.68	220.96	41.5	39.5	37.9	6.30	6.65	5.83
Apparel	193.73	190.26	188.64	37.4	36.8	36.7	5.18	5.17	5.14
Paper & allied prods.	409.30	405.89	375.83	47.1	46.6	45.5	8.69	8.71	8.26
Print., pub. & allied	325.21	323.23	270.34	40.6	41.6	38.4	8.01	7.77	7.04
Leather & lea. prods.	191.50	187.46	190.24	36.2	36.4	38.2	5.21	5.15	4.98
Footwear	179.28	174.70	181.45	35.5	35.8	38.2	5.05	4.88	4.75
Other nondurables	316.77	300.89	276.62	41.3	39.8	40.8	7.67	7.56	6.78

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 56

Total Production Workers: 80,262

Firms Reporting: 314

Manchester Labor Market Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	1983 August	1983 July	1982 August	1983 August	1983 July	1982 August	1983 August	1983 July	1982 August
All manufacturing	$275.20	$273.64	$257.15	40.0	39.6	39.2	$6.88	$6.91	$6.56
Durable goods	285.37	275.76	265.42	39.8	38.3	38.3	7.17	7.20	6.93
Mach. & elec. prods.	309.67	287.63	266.81	40.8	38.3	38.5	7.59	7.51	6.93
Other durables	245.63	255.46	262.65	38.2	38.3	37.9	6.43	6.67	6.93
Nondurable goods	264.77	272.17	248.84	40.3	41.3	40.2	6.57	6.59	6.19
Textiles & apparel	250.50	240.30	207.52	40.6	39.2	36.6	6.17	6.13	5.67
Other nondurables	269.34	283.08	262.48	40.2	42.0	41.4	6.70	6.74	6.34

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 48

Total Production Workers: 12,422

Firms Reporting: 42

Nashua Labor Market Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	1983 August	1983 July	1982 August	1983 August	1983 July	1982 August	1983 August	1983 July	1982 August
All manufacturing	$353.43	$351.14	$310.79	40.3	40.5	38.8	$8.77	$8.67	$8.01
Durable goods	353.43	354.90	314.38	40.3	40.7	39.2	8.77	8.72	8.02
Mach. & elec. prods.	388.45	388.73	347.21	39.8	40.2	39.5	9.76	9.67	8.79
Other durables	289.64	293.99	256.30	41.2	41.7	38.6	7.03	7.05	6.64
Nondurable goods	353.90	336.71	302.02	40.4	39.8	37.8	8.76	8.46	7.99

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 63

Total Production Workers: 19,566

Firms Reporting: 68